



City of Del Mar

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Where the Turf meets the Surf

January 24, 2006

Mr. Jerry Sanders, Mayor
City of San Diego
City Administration Building
11th Floor, 202 C Street
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Mayor Sanders:

The City of Del Mar supports the City of San Diego's efforts to increase the use of recycled water in the City of San Diego and surrounding cities, from Poway/Del Mar south to the international border. This is vital, since 90% of the region's water is imported from the Colorado River and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, hundreds of miles away. This water supply includes, among other things, treated wastewater discharged from communities within those river basins, as well as agricultural and urban runoff discharges. In fact, all of the water we use has been recycled (naturally or through a treatment process).

The City of Del Mar understands that several options to maximize the use of recycled water can be utilized for the water produced by the City of San Diego's two water reclamation plants. Some options involve familiar uses of recycled water such as landscape irrigation, construction, and industrial processing. Other options involve using advanced water treatment technology to produce highly treated recycled water. This technology allows recycled water to be added to groundwater storage basins and water storage reservoirs so that it can help supplement other sources of drinking water. Del Mar supports these options as well as the expansion of the recycled water distribution system.



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Increasing the production and use of recycled water in the metropolitan area will provide the following benefits:

- Provide greater local control of our water supply
- Provide a local source of water that can be used beneficially in a variety of ways
- Decrease and/or offset the amount of water that must be imported into the metropolitan area
- Decrease the amount of treated wastewater that must be discharged into our ocean
- Help meet the future water needs of an increasing population
- Help to avoid potential drought restrictions on outdoor watering that could be mandated on imported water used for this purpose

The City of Del Mar is supportive of the City of San Diego's efforts to analyze and evaluate all possible options to increase the production and use of recycled water in the region and in our community.

Sincerely,



Crystal Crawford, Mayor
City of Del Mar

cc: City of San Diego Water Department
City Council
City Manager
Public Works Director